

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the misuse of public media. Showing this biased program without offering equal time for a pro-Kerry documentary or offering viewers unbiased programs about both presidential candidates is tantamount to the network's endorsement of President Bush and the equivalent of an hour's worth of free anti-Kerry/pro-Bush advertisements for the GOP. It is direct electioneering/smear campaign disguised as documentary.

I do not believe that Sinclair's programming mandate is in the best interests of its affiliated television stations or the general public. Biased programs with a direct and specific political agenda do not belong on network television masquerading as the "truth" about candidates. Political ads should be paid for by their parties and political action groups--ie: the public- and presented as such--not paid for and used by television broadcasting networks as propaganda for their own political aims.

I'm shocked that the FCC would allow such an obvious and odious misuse of public media. This does not serve our citizens, our country or our democracy. Add my name to those who believe that freedom is precious and that no corporation should have the power to unfairly influence our perceptions or our votes.

The citizens of the United States deserve better.
Thank you. Susannah White